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## Memorandum

To:

Bureau of Land Management, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City,

Utah

From:

Utah Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, West

Valley City, Utah

Subject:

Section 7 Consultation for November 2015 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

We received your memorandum of November 16, 2015, requesting our concurrence for the November oil and gas lease sale. Based on your memorandum and the November 13, 2015, errata sheet, we concur with your "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" determination for the following federally listed species:

- Last chance townsendia (Townsendia aprica)
- San Rafael cactus (Pediocactus despainii)
- Wright fishhook cactus (Sclerocactus wrightiae)
- Mexican spotted owl (Strix occidentalis lucida)
- Endangered fish of the Upper Colorado River drainage basin: Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), humpback chub (*Gila cypha*), bonytail (*Gila elegans*), and razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*)

Our concurrence is based on the implementation of the lease notices as identified in your memorandum of November 16, 2015.

Thank you for your interest in conserving threatened and endangered species. If you have questions or if you need further assistance, please contact Betsy Herrmann, Supervisory Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at betsy\_herrmann@fws.gov or (801) 975-3330 ext. 139.